

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE  
MAINE STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
ELKS 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

The Maine Elks Association is a strong, community-minded, and patriotic organization that supports our veterans and local communities in various ways.

Since the Elks incorporation in 1868, it has become one of America's oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the country. Its members have proved to be strong Americans, leaving a legacy of youth-oriented, charitable, and community service programs that are all encompassing.

Today, the legacy of the BPO Elks and other honorable citizens thrives in Maine under current Maine State President, David Anderson. The Maine State Elks Association is celebrating their fundraising efforts for the Maine State Elks project, Maine Children's Cancer Program, and the fact that they have raised over \$4 million to date for the children of Maine.

We are so proud to have Elk members in the heart of our Great State of Maine, and I am honored to serve in the United States Congress on behalf of its members. As we celebrate the Elks, we look forward to many more years of tradition and community projects.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and wishing its members the very best in the years to come.

HONORING DARIOUSH AND  
SHAHPAR KHALEDI

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darioush and Shahpar Khaledi for their leadership in raising the role of arts and culture in California's Napa Valley. Mr. and Ms. Khaledi have made many contributions to our community, particularly through their steadfast commitment to the arts.

Mr. Khaledi was born and raised in Iran, where his fascination with wine began at an early age, due to his father's winemaking and the cultural history of winemaking of Shiraz, Iran. After building what was at one point the largest family-owned grocery business in California, Mr. and Ms. Khaledi founded Darioush Winery in 1997. Mr. Khaledi considers Darioush Winery to be the realization of his American Dream. His goal was to produce wines that celebrate both individualism and craftsmanship. For Ms. Khaledi it was essential that clients and guests be treated as family, which she considers to be more than a cultural tradition, but a way of life. Her welcoming

philosophy has defined the Darioush experience and is derived from Tarof, the Persian art of social etiquette—in essence how to make your guests feel more at home “than home itself.”

In addition to running their world-class winery, Mr. and Ms. Khaledi are active patrons of the arts and engaged community members. Mr. Khaledi is the Founding Chair on the Board of Directors for Festival Napa Valley, an organization that puts on an annual performing arts festival and also offers year-round programming. Mr. Khaledi is also a Board Member for organizations including Napa Valley Vintners, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Food Marketing Institute, Unified Grocers and the St. Helena Hospital Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Ms. Khaledi are the kind of community members we should all strive to emulate. Their dedication to the arts in the Napa Valley has been crucial for the growth of our arts community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Darioush and Shahpar Khaledi here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEM-  
ORY OF COLIN HAYWARD  
TOLAND

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a courageous young man, Colin Hayward Toland, who lost his battle with brain cancer on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the age of ten.

Officer Colin had served as an honorary member of the Ithaca Police Department since September 12, 2016, becoming the youngest member of the police force. On March 8, 2018, Officer Colin was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant and assigned to the tactical unit by the Memphis Police Department.

During his time on the force, Lieutenant Colin showed resilience and determination to keep his community safe, making him the perfect candidate to investigate and arrest The Grinch who was trying to steal Christmas from his community in December 2016. Lieutenant Colin's courage in the arrest set forth an example to his brothers on the police force.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Lieutenant Colin Hayward Toland and his exemplary service to the Ithaca Police Department and ensuring his family and community that he leaves behind that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

RECOGNIZING THE 113TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE POLICE

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to join the brave men and women of Troop N, headquartered in my hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in recognizing the 113th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Created by an act of legislation signed into law by Governor Samuel Pennypacker on May 2, 1905, the Pennsylvania State Police was the first uniformed police organization of its kind in the country. During the Great Anthracite Strike of 1902, violence disrupted the peace and safety of seven counties, causing a nationwide coal shortage that forced President Teddy Roosevelt to intervene. In the aftermath of strike, it was decided that peace and order should be maintained by responsible officers employed by the public.

The State Police quickly became vital in Pennsylvania, controlling mob violence, patrolling farms, protecting wildlife, and tracking down criminals, and later served as a model for other police forces across the country. Originally limited to 228 men, the Pennsylvania State Police Department now includes nearly 5,000 sworn officers and 2,000 civilian members, and is dedicated to criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, and other public safety services across the Commonwealth.

These brave men and women put their lives on the line each and every day to keep our families and communities safe. This risk is not without sacrifice. Since its founding, 98 officers have died in the line of duty while serving the Pennsylvania State Police. Let us take a moment to honor them, and to thank them for their sacrifice to maintain the safety of our communities.

As we reflect on the past 113 years of this police force, and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in its service, I also want to thank the selfless and courageous officers who are currently serving. With National Police Week fast approaching, it is only right that we recognize all that our nation's law enforcement officers do to keep us safe. The protection they provide is something no one should take for granted, and I am forever grateful for their service.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 113th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Police.

RECOGNIZING DIANE SMETHILLS

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Diane Smethills who is being honored at the First Annual Women Who Soar Awards by the Chamber of Commerce in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, on May 3, 2018. Currently of the Sterling Ranch Development Company, Mrs. Smethills is now working to build a \$4.4 billion sustainable community in Douglas County, Colorado. The development will have a trail system, a comprehensive management plan for open space and wildlife, along with retail, schools and community centers.

With over 35 years of experience in marketing, real estate development and finance, Diane Smethills has contributed to many businesses and nonprofit agencies across America. Her career has taken her to Washington, D.C., where she worked in President Ronald Reagan's Administration, being appointed to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Topeka, and to New York City, where she worked at the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) and National Geographic. Mrs.

Smethills has also served as the Vice President of Marketing for The Trammell Crow Companies where she worked with metropolitan districts and assisted in planning communities.

Back in her home state of Colorado, Diane formed her own real estate company and became instrumental in negotiating the purchase of the Sterling Ranch property. Currently, she also manages a private real estate portfolio of Colorado rental properties.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to recognize Diane Smethills for her many accomplishments in Colorado. She serves as a role model and example of hard work and perseverance.

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RECOGNIZING MR. THOMAS  
ANDERS, MISS REBEKAH  
STEELMAN AND MR. BLAKE  
REEVES

### HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to recognize the hard work and success of Mr. Thomas Anders, Miss Rebekah Steelman, and Mr. Blake Reeves. These three young people recently represented Lancaster High School and our community in a statewide competition hosted by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Their dedication and skill earned them first place in Entrepreneurship and the opportunity to compete in the national competition this June.

Mr. Anders, Miss Steelman, and Mr. Reeves displayed impressive planning and design capabilities in their project: developing a new restaurant. From the floor plan and the menu, to licensing and local laws, no detail was overlooked. Couple their meticulous planning with their vision and creativity, and it is easy to see how they surpassed their competitors.

The success of these students showcases the importance of ensuring all students have access to enriching educational experiences that maximize individual achievement and potential. I want to thank Mr. Anders, Miss Steelman, and Mr. Reeves, as well as all those involved in FCCLA, for demonstrating the value in bridging the gap between school and the workforce.

In addition to their prize and the opportunity to compete against students from across the nation, Mr. Anders, Miss Steelman, and Mr. Reeves have each been awarded a scholarship towards their studies at Sullivan University in the fall. I am confident that their entrepreneurial skills will be put to good use in all future endeavors, and I look forward to seeing all that they accomplish.

I am honored to represent such young, hardworking, and zealous students in the U.S. House of Representatives. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Thomas Anders, Miss Rebekah Steelman, and Mr. Blake Reeves, and wishing them the best of luck in their upcoming competition.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTH-  
DAY OF TRESSIE ELIZABETH  
BUTT HUMPHREY

### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable 100th birthday of Tressie Elizabeth Butt Humphrey. Tressie was born to Henry Clay Butt and Zelma Josephine Slownesky Butt on May 3, 1918.

A 1936 graduate of Steelville High School, she married the late Luther Theodore Humphrey with whom she shares two children, Loretta Mae and Selma Jean, as well as six grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and nineteen great-great-grandchildren. Tressie is a former teacher of the Slownesky one-room school house, a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri, and the owner of a Missouri Century Farm.

Tressie has achieved a great milestone in her life by celebrating her 100th birthday. She is a woman of character and is greatly beloved by all who know her. She has displayed exceptional leadership, contributing greatly to our society throughout her years. For all of these reasons and many more, it is my pleasure to recognize Tressie before the United States House of Representatives.

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RECOGNIZING KERN CARPENTER  
ON INTRODUCTION TO DADE  
COUNTY FARM BUREAU HALL OF  
HONOR

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Director Kern Carpenter of the Miami-Dade County Farm Bureau, on his induction to the Farm Bureau Hall of Honor.

A third generation farmer with a rich history in tomato production; Mr. Carpenter and his family have dedicated their lives to preserving the beauty and prestige of Florida's agriculture.

At a young age, Kern lost his father to cancer and not long after; the farm he loved. However, Kern never lost sight of his family's heritage and worked hard to one day run his very own farm.

In 1983, Kern successfully renewed his family's farming legacy and opened Kern Carpenter Farms.

Today, that passion and drive Kern possessed at such a young age, continues to impact so many farmers and serves as an inspiration throughout our South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, it is individuals like Kern that encompass the American spirit we all hold so dear. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors, and congratulate him on this much deserved honor.

Congratulations my friend (Felicidades amigo).

RECOGNIZING TAMRA RYAN

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tamra Ryan, Chief Executive Officer of The Women's Bean Project, a nationally-recognized social enterprise based in Denver, Colorado. Tamra Ryan is being honored at the First Annual Women Who Soar Awards by the Chamber of Commerce in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, on May 3, 2018. Her leadership, entrepreneurial-spirit, and social awareness in battling unemployment and poverty among women in the state of Colorado can serve as an inspiration to us all.

The mission of The Women's Bean Project is to change women's lives by providing opportunities to self-sufficiency through social enterprise. The Women's Bean Project is involved in providing products and services that work to reduce women's unemployment and poverty, and can be found amongst many of the nation's largest retailers in nearly 1,000 stores, as well as online.

In addition to her role with The Women's Bean Project, Tamra Ryan is, a former board member of Social Venture Partners-Denver, chair of the Board of Directors for the Social Enterprise Alliance, and is on the advisory board for the Barton Institute for Philanthropy and Social Enterprise at the University of Denver. In 2017, Tamra was recognized for her efforts by being named one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Colorado, as well as being a keynote speaker at TEDxMilehigh. Tamra is the author of *The Third Law*, a book that highlights the societal obstacles that marginalized women must overcome in order to change their lives.

Mr. Speaker, a great nation cannot exist without exemplary citizens who sacrifice a great deal to improve the lives of those around them, and Tamra Ryan is just that, a reflection of the best in America.

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HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ SYMPHONY

### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of an organization that displays the unique artistic virtue of my district. The Santa Cruz Symphony has served my district on the central coast of California by promoting, fostering, and furthering musical cultural enrichment, appreciation, and innovation. This year the Santa Cruz Symphony is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. Since its founding in 1958, the Santa Cruz Symphony has fostered the musical arts by organizing thousands of concerts, community events and productions over the years.

The Santa Cruz Symphony has helped children in Santa Cruz County with their youth education program. Since 1996, this program has engaged elementary school students throughout the county by coordinating year-long classical music listening programs, providing musicians who attend classrooms to